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SUMMARISING NOTE.

During the previous Revenue Minister's tour in the Nellore district in July 1946, it was represented that the cattle grazing in the areas lying to the east of the Eastern Ghats called "the Velikondas" was chagged a higher rate than that charged for the grazing on the western side of the Ghats and that even when the cattle of the Nellore district migrated to the Cuddapah and Anantapur districts, they were not charged the local rates prevailing in those districts but were charged the higher rate prevaling in Nellore. He observed that this appeared to be very inequitable on the face of it, particulary when the forest east of the hills was in no way superior in pasture but actually inferior, and suggested that this difference in treatment might be removed. The C.C.F., who was consulted on the suggestion, reported that different rates of grazing fees have been fixed by the Govt. for various divisions with reference to local circumstances, that forest pastures are primarily intended for the benefit of local cattle which are charged only a nominal rate of grazing fee and foreign cattle are charged a somewhat higher rat that cattle of Nellore division are 'foreign' cattle for purposes of grazing in Cuddapah North and South divisions and that consequently there is no inequity in this arrangement. The previous Secretary (Mr. Sivasankar) was of opinion that the distinction between 'local' and 'foreign' cattle for purposes of grazing fees might stand, as such fees are only nominal and ther was no reason why Govt. should forego the revenue. The previous Revenue and Forest Ministers, however considered that the distinction between local nd foreign cattle should be removed and the same rate of grazing fees levied in respect of both types of cattle in any single area. The C.C.F. has now reported that the probable loss of revenue to the Govt. involved by this change of policy is Rs.26,015 per annum, representing a loss of .3% of the annual grazing revenue of the Province. As the amount of revenue to be foregone exceeds Rs.25,000 per annum recurring and as the proposal involves also a change of policy, it will have to be referred to the Standing Finance Committee and the Cabinet. The case may be submitted to H.M.(Agri) and H.M.(Fin.) for orders as to whether the proposal may be placed before the Standing Finance Committee and the Cabinet.

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H.M.(Agri.) I think the existing practice may continue.
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H.M.(Fin.) The point is whether there should be any difference in rate for grazing between 'local' and 'foreign' cattle.
May be circulated to me after H.P.M. sees.
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H.M.(Agri) The C.C.F. has given his remsons for it.
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The existing practice may continue.
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May be circulated to H.M.(Fin.)
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H.M.(Fin.) Sd. B.G.R./8.10.

TO A.S. The papers may now be closed ~~and~~ and put away after informing the C.C.F. that the proposal in this case will not be pursued. Subject to orders a draft order is subd.
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